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Hamilton Defeats Colgate

OTHER TEAM LOST TO UNION.

The first Annual Debate of the Triangular Intercollegiate Debating League, held Wednesday, March 4th, resulted unsatisfactorily for those who wished to see the supremacy established, but each college body had the great satisfaction of seeing (or rather hearing) the home team win. At Colgate, Union and Hamilton the negative of the question: "That, aside from the constitutionality of the measure, a graduated income tax should be a part of the Federal system of taxation," upheld by the home team, was given the award. The equality of this year's teams should strengthen the rivalry and serve to perpetuate the League.

Probably a more skillfully contested debate has never been heard in the College Chapel than that of Wednesday night between Colgate and Hamilton. The judges, Professor March, of Union, Mr. Alonzo Dingman, of Herkimer, and Mr. Albert O. Foster, of Utica, congratulated the debaters, and expressed their difficulty in coming to a decision.

Colgate was represented by Howard I. Miller, '13, Maurice R. Hamm, '10, and Walter C. Newcomb, '10, with Albert W. Hughes, '11, as alternate. Hamilton's team was composed of Marion K. Wisehart, '11, John C. Baldwin, '10, and Harry E. Dounce, '10, with Theodore D. Martin, '11, as alternate.

With Dr. Stryker presiding, the debate opened promptly at seven-thirty, before a large audience.

Mr. Miller opened for the affirmative. His style was clear. In argument he maintained that readjustment of our Federal taxation is necessary because the present system does not furnish sufficient revenue, is inelastic, and is based on inherent injustices.

Wisehart, the first Hamilton speaker, was as usual impressively earnest. After outlining the case for the negative, he maintained that the income tax would be unjust because no fair exemption line could be made, because the small part of the people would pay the large part of the tax, and because such a tax would be deterrent to industry in accumulating honest wealth.

Mr. Hamm presented the stump-speech style immortalized by Wallace, '09. He showed that four methods are proposed to readjust Federal taxation: To reduce governmental expense, to levy a corporation tax, to levy an inheritance tax, or to levy a graduated income tax. He made arguments to prove the first three methods impossible or impracticable.

Baldwin's manner was a surprise. His usual defiant pugnacity was replaced by an effective reasoning attitude. He argued the impracticability of the income tax owing to the difficulties of equitable assessment and collection.

Mr. Newcomb, Colgate's third speaker, was quiet, polished, incisive—their most effective representative. He maintained the justice of the income tax because based on ability to pay, rather than on consumption, as in the present system, and further brought arguments to prove its practicability.

Dounce debated in his usual logical and effective manner. He argued that the present system of Federal taxation can be made adequate, that as an income tax would be but a part of the system, most of the Federal tax would still be based on consumption, that the present Federal taxes are indispensable, and an income tax impracticable.

During the five minutes intermission before rebuttal the College cheered and sang.

On rebuttal, Hamilton was, on the whole, more effective. The question narrowed to justice and practicability, and Dounce's hammering was sufficient to overbalance Newcomb's eloquent conclusion.

Both teams showed the results of careful study and painstaking preparation. Colgate employed most of the tactics known to the debating art, which are numerous, but Hamilton training was apparent in the more polished presentation of its representatives.

It was a fine debate, well argued, with no attempt to evade issues. The contentions were met squarely and argued on their merits. Its success augured well for the future debating relations of Colgate, Union and Hamilton.

N. Y. S. I. A. U. Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the N. Y. S. I. A. U. was held Saturday afternoon in the office of Foley & Foley, Arcade Building, in Utica, all the members of the Union being represented. For Colgate there were in attenance Profs. Huntington, Whithnall, Dockstader; for Hobart: Foley, Prof. Leighton, and Wood; for Rochester: Dr. Stroud, and Slater; for Hamilton: Dr. Squires, Williams, Martin; Union: Dr. McComber, King, Glover.

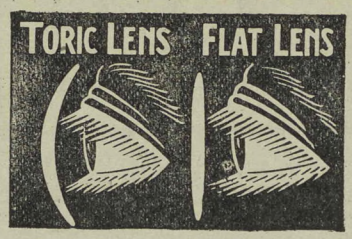
Routine business occupied the larger part of the session and nothing startling in the line of legislation was passed. The report of the Athletic Committee included a recommendation that the Football pennant for the season of 1909 be not awarded. The reason for this action arises from a state of affairs which has long prevailed in the Union. Colgate played but two games with other teams of the Union, one of these being Rochester, and the game in each case was a victory for Colgate. Rochester had played all the teams in the Union but had been defeated by Colgate. On an interpretation of the clause governing the award of the pennants which has prevailed before, Colgate had a claim on the pennant but on a percentage basis of games won, Rochester also had a claim. Neither institution cared to press its claim under the circumstances and the matter was settled by omitting the award. The clause was referred to President Leighton of Hobart for interpretation, which will prevent a future occurrence of this difficulty. The Baseball pennant for 1909 was awarded to Rochester, as was the Basketball championship for the past season, Colgate being the rival in each case.

The charges which had been preferred against a certain Buck of the Colgate Baseball team and against Harrington of Rochester, had been referred to Dr. Squires as the judiciary committee for settlement. His report as adopted, dismissed the charges on the ground of insufficient evidence. It was recommended that charges in the future be made definite enough to stand in a court of record, a recommendation for an investigating committee not being favorably received, it being the opinion

that each college could protect itself.

The most important action of the meeting was the vote authorizing Martin, '11, to hold the N. Y. S. I. A. U. Track Meet this year on the Oneida County Fair Grounds at Rome. The Meet last year was held at Utica under the auspices of the Utica Field Club and the understanding with that club was that this year they would make a more favorable arrangement with the local management regarding the conduct of the Meet. This they refused to do, and as their figure asked for the grounds seemed prohibitive, a suitable track and grounds were sought elsewhere. The Romohawks of Rome have received the matter very kindly and promise to do everything in their power to make the meet there a great success. It is expected, therefore, that with the enthusiastic backing of the business men of that city, that the meet there will be better than any held in Utica of late years.

On motion of Dr. Huntington it was voted to invite other institutions of the slass of the colleges competing, to take part in this meet in order to make it the more interesting. Accordingly invitations will be sent to St. Lawrence University, Stevens and Pratt Institutes, University of Vermont, Rutgers, New York University, Alfred University, with the understanding that they will be admitted to the meet on the same terms as the other colleges in the Union. There was a full discussion of the proposition of the constitution of the Union being amended to the effect that students in the colleges involved be allowed to play summer baseball and still retain their amateur standing. This was brought up by the announcement of Dr. Huntington that Colgate will permit her students to play ball anywhere except on teams protected under the National Agreement, this being similar to a rule already in force at Brown University. The board did not take any action looking toward a change in its attitude on this important matter. A resolution introduced by Hobart that no coach or trainer receiving money for his services be permitted to represent in the advisory board any of the colleges of the Union was lost five to four. Union University asked permission to waive the one-year residence rule, applying to those men who enter its graduate departments from other colleges, allowing them to take part in athletics on the same footing as those members of the college who go to the graduate schools. No motion was made, but the sentiment of the meeting was against any such proposition.



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THERE IS A MATTER which we have mentioned in the past at periodic intervals and with a periodic effect. The comment is heeded just as long as the matter stays in the mind of the College, and then it is forgotten again, and the warning is of no avail. We refer to the congested condition of the Chapel lobby and the Chapel steps on Sunday afternoons just before chapel. It would seem rather unnecessary to repeat again the reasons why such a condition should not exist. We have given them many times in these columns. But perhaps repetition will serve to obviate this bad practice. It is very unpleasant for the visitors whom we may have at Sunday Chapel to be obliged to wade thru a crowd of men in order to enter the building. That is obvious. However, that is just what they are obliged to do. Now anyone who attends the Sunday Exercises is in a way a guest of the College, and it is no more than courtesy that a hospitable treatment should be offered. We are sure that the reason for this discourtesy is mere thoughtlessness, but that is no excuse for its existence. It is a very simple practice to stop, and LIFE urges that the College consider the matter, and figure out for itself that it is not the right thing to do. Nothing more should be necessary.

THE FIRST SERIES of Debates under the auspices of the Triangular League was most propitious of future success. The victory over Colgate was gratifying to the College, not only intrinsically, but in that it showed the product of Hamilton's course in oratory to its best advantage. The finished appearance of every one of the speakers on the Hamilton team was very evident. It is an answer to those who prate of the uselessness of the classical oratorical course in the College. The men worked hard and faithfully, and surely their efforts are rewarded in the knowledge that they have brought not only honor to themselves but to the College as well.

And now a word for the defeated team. It was no one-sided debate. The losing team fought hard for a victory, and it was not poor work on its part, that decided the issue of the question. The last Colgate speaker, particular, made a masterful rebuttal and all but turned the tide. He deserves great credit, for this appearance.

Of course, to lose to Union was a disappointment. But we also may have the satisfaction of knowing that the other Hamilton team was defeated, only after making a conviecing debate.

With each team of the League having a victory to its credit, the contest of next year will be anticipated with much interest. It can only mean the continued existence of the Triangular League as a factor in promoting the debating interests of the Colleges represented in it.

THE PROPOSED SUB-FRESHMAN BUREAU.

THE COMMUNICATION, printed below, is a plan which has been suggested by the Press Association as a method to work for a larger Hamilton. Since it is as yet, entirely tentative, we will take neither side of the question, but offer it for the consideration of the College. Signed expressions of opinion on the subject are solicited.

It has been proposed by the Press Association to organize a Sub-Freshman Bureau, which will carry on the work of the Alumni Secretary in the larger Universities, that is;

(1) To keep in touch with every possible Sub-Freshman thru letters and the forwarding of publications.

(2) To notify Alumni of the names and addresses of the men thinking of entering Hamilton who live near them.

A card index containing the names, addresses and Hamilton relatives of all Sub-Freshmen will be placed in the Library, and every encouragement given to the undergraduates to write to these men. Provision will be made for recording each letter sent, and answer received.

As the co-operation of the Fraternities is essential to the success of the plan, and a modification of the Hamilton "rushing" system will be necessary, the faults of the present method of "rushing" will be outlined as follows:

(1) Each crowd is most interested in bringing a small group of "desirable" men to Hamilton, and the efforts of the men in the crowd are confined to securing these half-dozen to a dozen men.

(2) Owing to the policy of the Fraternities to keep the names of Sub-Freshmen secret, any attempt on the part of a crowd to introduce men to the representatives of other Fraternities is viewed with suspicion, and the man in question is often branded as "undesirable," and leaves College.

(3) Under this secret rushing system the alumnus hesitates to give the name of a "doubtful" man to his Fraternity.

(4) There are fifty Sub-Freshmen each year who could have been influenced to enter Hamilton, had the Fraternity or alumnus given every Hamilton man a chance to become acquainted with them.

(5) Under the present "rushing" system, the Fraternities are flourishing, but a Hamilton of 300, which would result in a large neutral body or more crowds, is impossible until there is *organized and open rushing for Hamilton.*

The organization of the Sub-Freshman Bureau with an open "college rushing list" made up of the names of all men who apply for catalogs, and recommended by alumni, or obtained by the various Fraternities, the influence of eight (and not one or two) crowds and their alumni will be brought to bear in accomplishing the essenial thing—making the Sub-Freshman a *Hamilton man,* in addition to this, each Fraternity will be strengthened by having a rushing list of a hundred or more names, provided it does its share in keeping in touch with the men. The honest co-operation of the crowds in opening their rushing lists, and the faithful work of undergraduates and alumni will make the Sub-Freshman Bureau a success, and a Hamilton of 300 possible.

—*Press Association.*

ADVISORY BOARD.

At a meeting of the Advisory Board last Thursday evening the Board passed a resolution authorizing the Football department to engage Coach Pryor for next season. The provision was made, however, to limit thesalary of the football coach to $700

In considering the matter of a Football Coach for next season the Board

was confronted with the problem of the graduate system, which was recently proposed. It was finally decided to secure the services of Coach Pryor, if possible, and at the same time to give the new plan a trial. In this way the College will have an opportunity to investigate the advantages of the plan under regular coaching conditions. It is the opinion of the Board that by inaugurating a system of graduate coaching by degrees, it will be possible to develop a well-organized method besides establishing a distinctive style of play. In the event that the management is unable to engage Mr Pryor, the graduate system will be given a trial immediately. It is hoped, however, that Mr. Pryor will coach the team next year, and that under his direction the College may witness a successful solution of the Graduate System.

In requesting the Board to give the Editors-in-Chief and the Managers of LIFE and *Lit.*, a voice in the actions of the council, Dounce, '10, expressed the opinion that the two publications were essentially College organs, and that in this position the Editors would be better able to express opinions as to the measures adopted in the Advisory Board. After considering the communication, the Board placed it on file to be taken up at another time.

Permission was given the Manager of Track to change the date of the Indoor Meet between Rochester and Hamilton, at Utica, to March 16th.

It was further determined that it was not for the best interests of the College to allow class teams, using the name of the College, to play games away from the Hill. A committee was appointed to consider the matter, and to grant permission to the various teams, providing conditions favor such action.

COLLEGE SMOKER

On Thursday evening of this week a College Smoker will be held in Commons Hall under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Its purpose is to give the Relay Team, which leaves on that evening for New York to compete in the Columbia Games, a fitting send-off. Light refreshments will be served, and the "makings" furnished. There will be some speeches by members of the Faculty and undergraduates, Hamilton songs and good fellowship. That means a good time. Every one be there at eight o'clock.

INTERCLASS BASKETBALL.

E. H. Jones, '11 who has charge of the Intramural Sports during the sickness of C. H. Hall, '10, announced the first of the Interclass Basketball games for last Thursday evening. The Seniors lined up against the Juniors, and 1912 played 1913. An enthusiastic crowd of students from the four classes was in attendance and the contests were enlivened with class yells and spirited cheering. The game between the Upperclassmen was start-first; and while they were resting in the intermission, the first half of the other contest was played off.

The Senior-Junior game was rather one-sided, 1911 having much the better of the argument. Allen and Getman, '11, point winners on last year's Varsity, did spectacular work for the Juniors. Their floor work was exceptional. Day, '11, did some very pretty shooting, while Sidle and Flagler did some good guarding. They were of great assistance in the really fast team work which the Juniors displayed thruout the game. Deimel and Abbott were the particular stars for the Seniors. They both played steady, consistent games.

The other contest was much more closely fought. The first half ended with the score 4-3 in 1912's favor. Early in the second period the Freshmen gained the lead and kept it until near the end of the game, when baskets by C. Root and D. Root, thrown in quick succession, placed the Sophomores one point in the lead, time being called before there was further scoring. C. Root and Peters played the best games for 1912, while Wheelock, Woods and Mahady excelled for the Freshmen. The score and players follow:

1910 (5)		1911 (24)
Deimel	Right Forward	Dey
H. Getman	Left Forward	Allen
Wheeler	Center	Flagler
Sarles	Right Guard	A. Getman
Abbott	Left Guard	Sidle

Goals: Wheeler 1, Allen 2, Day 4, Sidle 2, Flagler 1, A. Getman. Goals from fouls: Deimel 3, Day 2, Allen 2.
Referee: C. Root, '12.
Time of halves: 15 minutes.
Timekeeper: Mitchell, '11.

1912 (12)		1913 (11)
C. Root	Right Forward	Griswold
Nixon	Left Forward	Mahady
D. Root	Center	Woods
Peters	Right Guard	Stone
Knox	Left Guard	Wheelock

Goals from field: D. Root 1, Peters 1, C. Root 3, Nixon 1, Woods 3, Wheelock 2.
Goals from fouls: Woods 1.
Referee: Allen, '11 (Sidle, '11).
Time of halves: 15 minutes.
Timer: Mitchell, '11.

COLUMBIA GAMES.

Next Saturday evening the Relay Team, Capt. Knox, '10, Colson, '11, Roberts and Shaul, '13, will run at Madison Square Garden in the Columbia University games. There will be several teams in the race, probably representing Colleges in or near New York City. The fast time of the Hamilton team against Dartmouth indicates a good showing. Coach Baxter will be there to help the team.

The following Wednesday, March 16th, Hamilton meets Rochester in a dual meet at the Utica State Armory.

The program follows: 30-yard dash, 30-yard hurdle, 100- yard dash, 200-yard dash, half-mile run, one mile run, high jump, shot put, pole vault, one mile relay.

A large squad is practicing daily and the team will be picked from these candidates: For the Dashes, Knox and Judson, '10, Colson, '11, Donaldson, '12, Roberts and Shaul, '13; the Hurdles, Knox and Getman, '10, Colson, '11, Roberts and Shaul, '13; the Half-Mile, Knox, '10, and Gaige, '11; the Mile, Abbott, Getman and Renwick, '10, Bates and Connell, '12, Landon and Taylor, '13; the High Jump, Sherwin and Wheeler, '10, Allen and Colson, '11, Bagg, '12; the Shot Put, Baldwin and Sherwin, '10, D. Root, '12, and T. Jessup., '13, the Pole Vault, Day, '11, and Donaldson, '12. The Relay will be as usual, Knox, '10, Colson, '11, Roberts and Shaul, '13.

The squad has practiced several times in the Armory, where its showing so far insures a close and interesting meet.

SENATOR DAVENPORT.

An Albany paper has the following of Senator Davenport:

Senator Davenport was in New York last Wednesday evening attending the dinner at which Govenor Warner of Michigan delivered a speech on the subject of "Direct Primaries and their Relation to the State." Senator Davenport also made a speech on the subject from the New York state viewpoint.

LIFE BOARD.

The LIFE Board will have its picture taken at Lewis' in Utica, at 2:15 p. m. next Saturday. At this time and place the annual business meeting of the Board will be held. The Editor-in-Chief will be elected for the ensueing year, and two Freshmen will be chosen from the competition for reportorial positions on the staff. It is especially necessary that every member of the Board be there on time.

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HILL NOTES

—E. H. Jones, '11, has been elected to the Press Association.

—Colson, '87, G. Smith, '08, and Newton, '08, were on the Hill last week.

—Pilch, '13, is confined to his room by a badly sprained knee acquired by a fall in the Gymnasuim.

—Engs, '10, has been appointed Chairman of the Entertainment Committee for Interscholastic Day.

—The Philadelphia North-American has been added to the list of daily newspapers at the Y. M. C. A. Reading Room.

—The recent rains have damaged the bowling alleys to a considerable extent. It will require some little time and expense to put them in good condition again..

—The annual election of officers for the Y. M. C. A., will be held Thursday afternoon. At that meeting the chairmen of the various committees will give their reports.

—The New York and Brooklyn Alumni of the classes from 1899 to 1909 are planing a banquet in New York City on Saturday evening, April 9th. President Stryker will be present as will the Musical Clubs.

—The Constitution of the Athletic Association is being reprinted with the recent alterations and emendments acted upon by the Advisory Board. It also contains the N. Y. S. I. A. U. eligibility rules, and rules of the Faculty Athletic Committee.

—Several men have been attending Fraternity conventions during the last week. The delegates to the Sigma Phi Convention held at Schenectady were Judson, '10, and Bagg, '12. Gouge, '11, was present at the Alpha Delta Phi Convention at New Haven.

—Men from the Hill are conducting classes in Utica, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, to teach the foreigners English. The Greeks are taught on Wednesday and the Italians the other two nights. This is one of the practical achievements of the Y. M. C. A., and President Knox would be glad to receive the names of any men who are interested in this kind of work.

BASEBALL.

During the past week the batteries have been working hard, in anticipation of the season near approaching. The men are showing splendid development, considering the short time they have been practicing. Some of the time was devoted to bunting, and to infield work. The new men are showing good form, and it is expected that several will bid strongly for positions on the regular squad. During the remaining weeks of the term the candidates will be given stiff practice, in view of the possibility of completing the schedule for the Southern Trip, which is timed for the beginning of Spring Term.

WINTER TERM TAX.

It must be of interest to the College to know the result of the collection of the first tax under the new system of financing College activities. The Treasurer of the Athletic Association reports that it has been very satisfactory. There are thirty-five men who have so far failed to respond, either by meeting the tax or by securing a release from the President. However, a number have signified their intention to pay as soon as a temporary financial stringency has passed. There may be some who are unable to meet the assessment, and for these men there is only one course, and that is the straightforward one. They should apply for a release, otherwise they must be suspected of either indifference or hostility to the new system.

Up to the end of last week 80.4 per cent of the entire student-body had paid the assessment. This number was distributed among the classes as follows: 1910, 73.3 p. c.; 1911, 84.4 p. c.; 1912, 78.8 p. c.; 1913, 84.2 p. c.

It will be seen by this statement that the new system has had a most propitious start, and with the hearty support of the student body, future success is assured.

The successful operation of the new system, thus far, is the more gratifying, when it is remembered that the trial of a similar tax system has recently failed at Williams. The fact speaks well for the attitude of the College. The results of the trial at Williams are evident from the following clipping:

"The collection of the Athletic tax at Williams has not proceeded at all well and as a result the spring sports are likely to be in difficulties. The tax was devised last year to apply to the 1909-10 Academic year and was determined by figuring the ratio of room rent paid by all students to the total Athletic budgets.

It was decided that the fee to be paid by all students, except certain scholarship men and athletes members of more than one team, would be about $20 for the year. It was thought that fixing this sum as all that need be paid would be a welcome relief from the separate applications made by the various teams in their seasons.

This, however, has failed to work out this way. The total of the budgets is $11,300, but at the end of February, about three weeks after the beginning of the second semester, little more than $5,800 had been collected. 'Some of the delinguents have delayed others have refused to pay, a very small percentage have not even been approached,' says the Williams *Record*. "In short, the new system of collection as far as the present year is concerned seems in a fair way to end in a flat failure."

The Football team, because of guarantees and on account of a good gate at the Amherst and Harvard games, was not bothered by the shortage, even though its proportion of the collections was smaller than the budget called for. The Hocky team was the first to suffer form the shortage in funds. The game with West Point, scheduled for February 22nd, had to be cancelled because there was not money for the trip. It is reported now that the Baseball team may drop some of its late games for like reason."

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